

**STATEMENT OF MARK R. KRAVITZ, NOMINEE TO BE DISTRICT
JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

Mr. KRAVITZ. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I too am humbled and honored to be here, and I thank the Committee for scheduling this hearing.

I also thank Senator Dodd for his very generous remarks and Senator Lieberman for his support and President Bush for nominating me.

I do not have an opening statement, but I would, if the chair would indulge me, like to introduce my family who has joined me today.

Senator CHAMBLISS. Certainly.

Mr. KRAVITZ. My daughter Lindsey, who is all the way down at the end, just this past Sunday graduated from Connecticut College and is off to teach in the Teach for America Program. Next to her is my daughter Jenny, who is currently a teacher but is going back to her academic career, pursuing a graduate degree at Yale in the fall. We are quite proud of both of them.

We are also proud of my son, Evan, who is next to them. He is an eighth-grader at the Hampden Hall School. And last but not least is my wife, Wendy. Wendy and I have been married for 31 years, and we met each other as juniors in high school.

I would like to acknowledge as well, if I may, my mother, Marian Kravitz, and my late father, Paul Kravitz. Neither of them could be with me physically today, but I am certain they are here in spirit.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator CHAMBLISS. Well, we are pleased to have such a good-looking family here supporting you today.

Mr. Woodcock, we are glad to have you with us.

[The biographical information of Mr. Kravitz follows:]